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"AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE PIPES OF WATER COMPANIES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 16-262u of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

5 (a) For purposes of this section, (1) "service connection" means the
6 service pipe from the water main to the curb stop, at or adjacent to the
7 street line or the customer's property line, and such other valves or
8 fittings as the water company, as defined in section 16-1, may require
9 at or between the water main and the curb stop, but excluding the curb
10 box, [and] (2) "service pipe" means the curb box and the pipe from the
11 curb stop to the place of consumption, and (3) "main" means a water
12 pipe, owned, operated and maintained by a water company, which is
13 used for the purpose of transmission and distribution of water, but is

14 not a water service pipe.

15 (b) In the case of a water company having annual revenues of
16 twenty thousand dollars or more, all replacements and repairs of
17 service connections shall be by the company at its own expense.

18 (c) The service pipe shall extend through that point on the
19 customer's property line or the street line easiest of access to the water
20 company from its existing distribution system and, where practicable,
21 from a point at right angles to the existing water main in front of the
22 premises to be served. Service pipes shall not cross intervening
23 properties or operate in place of a proper water main extension
24 running in the street and fronting the property except as noted in
25 subsections (d) and (f) of this section. The water company shall have
26 the discretion to approve or disapprove of the proposed location of the
27 service pipe.

28 (d) The property owner, upon written request to the water
29 company, may be granted an exception to allow a service pipe to cross
30 intervening properties provided proper easements are in place, the
31 construction complies with the company's rules and regulations and
32 there is adequate water pressure to serve the property. The property
33 owner may request such exception only under very exceptional
34 hardship circumstances and then only on a case-by-case basis.
35 Documentation shall be furnished to demonstrate that the proposed
36 service pipe will ultimately serve no more than one premises,
37 otherwise a water main extension shall be installed. The following
38 shall not constitute sufficient cause for granting an exception: (1) When
39 the intent is to avoid the time and expense of a proper main extension,
40 and proper service pipe installation, or other reasonable engineering
41 solution in conformance with good engineering standards of practice,
42 (2) when the intent is to perpetuate an existing nonconforming
43 condition through an extension or replacement of an existing
44 nonconforming service pipe, or (3) when an easement is proposed
45 without sufficient evidence to show that alternative ownership of a
46 suitable strip of land to establish frontage on a road is not feasible.

47 (e) Upon approval of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of
48 this section, the water company shall provide notice to the authority of
49 the location of the property.

50 (f) If a property owner cannot demonstrate in his or her application
51 to the water company that such property owner meets the conditions
52 established in subsection (d) of this section or disputes the decision of
53 the water company regarding such application, such property owner
54 or such water company on behalf of such property owner may file a
55 request with the authority for an exception."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	16-262u